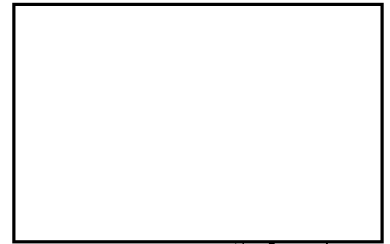


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10 FEB 1960

Mr. Glenn A. Green  
Executive Vice-President  
The National Education Program  
815 East Center Avenue  
Searcy, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Green:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28 January concerning the late [redacted] in regard to your 19 December letter, I sent you a reply on 30 January and you should now be in receipt of this letter.

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I follow the general policy of not commenting one way or the other on the accuracy or inaccuracy of press, radio or other statements concerning the Central Intelligence Agency or my work. However, for your information, I did talk to [redacted] in December 1957 and he did not indicate to me that he had any information about Soviet espionage or about Soviet agents he wished to divulge. During this meeting, he did not indicate that he wished to have any further meetings with me, although he had ample opportunity to do so.

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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ER 12-105/a

30 January 1960

Mr. Glenn A. Green

Dear Mr. Green:

I have carefully noted your letter of December 19 concerning United States intelligence and other matters. Frankly, although I admit I am prejudiced, I feel that our intelligence is somewhat better than what your letter would indicate, and in particular the intelligence we had with respect to both developments in Cuba and Soviet plans for outer space, have been quite accurate.

If you would review the circumstances of Castro's visit to this country, you will find that he was not brought here by the government but by private American organizations, and that intelligence, furthermore, cannot be held responsible for any journalistic or radio build-up that he may have received. I can assure you that the question of Communist penetration in this hemisphere is a matter on which we have obtained a great deal of information and taken a series of steps in this connection.

You may be interested in a recent Congressional publication giving the testimony of the Deputy Director of CIA on this particular subject, a copy of which is enclosed.

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Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Mr. Glenn A. Green

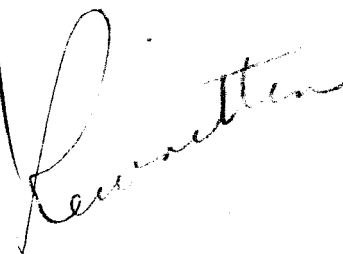
Dear Mr. Green:

Your letter of December 19th concerning the competence of United States intelligence is a rather difficult one to answer as, I am sure you are aware, a very large amount of the material which we obtain and pass on to the other departments of the Government is classified. Further, there are many factors which go into the creation of a policy on the part of the United States Government exclusive of intelligence. Consequently, to comment in any detail with regard to the questions on Cuba or the USSR would take us into the realm of classified information.

While admittedly my view could not be considered that of an impartial source, I would nevertheless say to you that our intelligence is good, and it warrants the confidence of the United States taxpayer. I would also point out to you that President Eisenhower in January 1956 established a permanent Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities which meets several times a year and constantly reviews our work and reports thereon to the President. In addition, we meet regularly with subcommittees of both Armed Services and Appropriations in both Houses of Congress. Consequently, our work is subject to careful review to insure that it meets the national needs.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director



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December 19, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am disturbed at the seemingly utter incompetence of United States intelligence.

The Communist take-over of Cuba -- 90 miles from our southern coast -- was aided by United States State Department decisions and actions of other government agencies; and it is my understanding that such moves are made on the basis of intelligence supplied by your agency. From the beginning of CBS's and other promotional journalism building up Castro as the "George Washington" of Cuba a year or so before the take-over, I knew of Castro's Communist affiliations, and the available dossiers of his associates showed key ones to be members of the Communist international conspiracy.

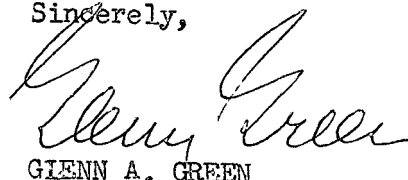
Yet, our government aided Castro and then immeasurably strengthened his hand by bringing him to Washington.

Also, our intelligence on the USSR -- the things you have said, and our Government's actions -- indicates we do not really know what's going on over there, especially in space probes and missile development. It indicates an incompetence in our intelligence organization.

Could you give me any reassurance at all?

Please do not send any speech reprints. I've read your speeches. I want to know what happened in our terrible blunder in Cuba, and I want to know whether our government is going to continue to sit idly by while the Reds expand their hold in Latin America.

Sincerely,

  
GLENN A. GREEN

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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January 27, 1960

Personal and Unofficial

General Alfred M. Gruenther  
President  
The American National Red Cross  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Al:

Re your note of January 25, 1960 -- after looking at the snapshot you sent me, I surrender unconditionally, and I am now a full-fledged member of the A.A.M.

Also, I would add that I thought

STAT [redacted] would be most inter-

ested in our correspondence on the subject of A.A.M., and I have sent it over to him with appropriate instructions. I feel sure that in due course, and it may be rather coarse, we will have a report from him which will permit you better to assess the "capabilities and intentions" of A.A.M. Just at the moment I appear to be somewhat weak on capabilities and intentions, if I read the Alsop columns correctly.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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